USMC-SOCOM Integration

TSOC-ARG/MEU INTEGRATION

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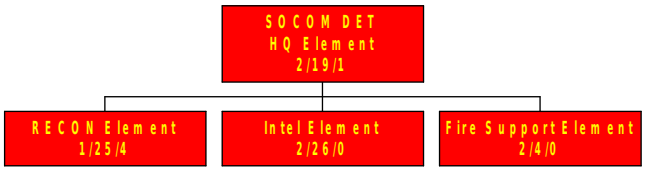

Communications
Future Concepts
Equip & Tech
Training & Educ

Operations
Intelligence
Info Ops/PSYOP
Aviation, Civil Affairs

SOCOM-USMC BOARD

Force Contribution
105 Indiv Billets
TSOC/JSOC/SOCOM
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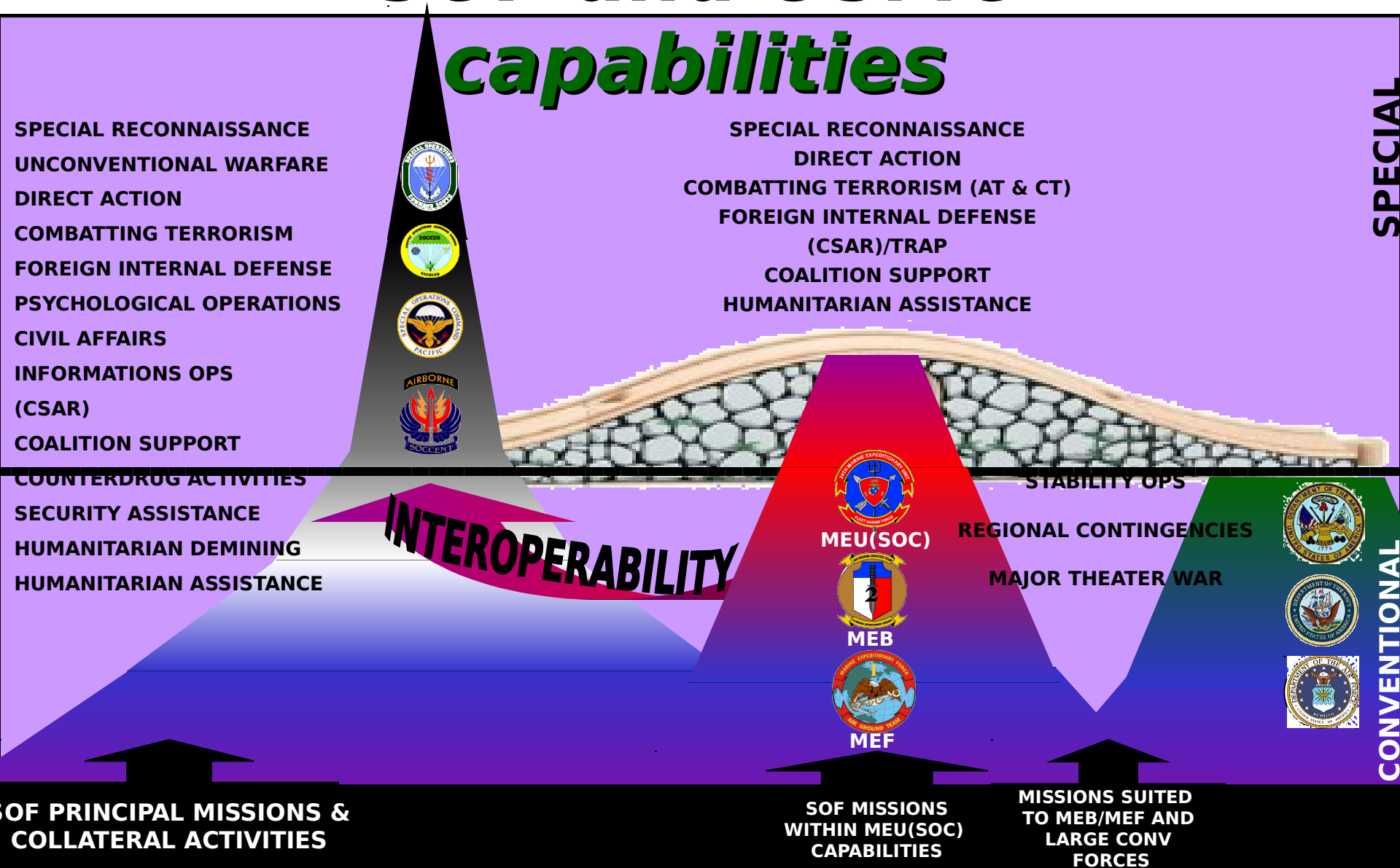
INDIV/UNIT AUGMENTATION

Purpose

- **The purpose of this brief is to provide the current and future USMC-USSOCOM integration and interoperability initiatives**

The "Bridge" between SOF and USMC capabilities



Background

- Following the events of 11 September 2001, SECDEF directed that the U.S. Special Operations Command and the Marine Corps improve their interoperability and integration
- Foundation of efforts for past two years
- MOA signed re-establishing the USSOCOM/USMC Board
- Interoperability
  - Operations
  - Training
  - Personnel
  - Acquisitions and Developmental Information

USSOCOM-USMC Board

- November 2001 Memorandum of Agreement signed
- Has facilitated over 30 initiatives designed to meet transformational and interoperability goals
- Working Groups include:
  - Operations
  - Communications/C4 Operations
  - Civil Affairs
  - Aviation
  - Equipment/Technology
  - Training and Education
  - Information and P
  - Intelligence
  - Future Concepts

- Warfighter conference held annually with USMC/USSOCOM GO/FO participation

Operations

NSW/USMC Recent Combat Collaboration

- **OEF/Afghanistan (SOF/USMC mutually supporting)**
  - Sensitive Site Exploitation (SSE) Support
  - Tactical Recovery of Aircraft and Personnel (TRAP)
  - Logistical (fuel) support
  - Close Air Support (CAS)
  - Assault Support
  - FOB/Safe House Security
  - Quick Reaction Force (QRF)

TF K-BAR

- **OIF/Iraq (SOF supports USMC)**
  - Urban Sniper Teams
  - Special reconnaissance
  - Riverine security patrols

NSWTG-CENT

- **Bottom Line**
  - SOF = Agility
  - Conventional Forces = Mass
  - Mass + Agility at decisive points = success on high-risk targets

TSOC-ARG/MEU(SOC)

- **CMC / CDR USSOCOM agree to exchange MEU(SOC) and TSOC LNOs while MEU(SOC) located in theater**

- **SOCEUR, NAVEUR and MARFOREUR signed MOA**
  - **<u>Goal</u>: Create a habitual ARG/MEU (SOC)-SOCEUR relationship based on common understanding and shared knowledge of tactics, techniques and procedures**
  - **<u>MOA:</u> Establishes an Executive Steering Committee (ESC) to develop POA&M coordinating Pre-Deployment, Deployment, and Post-Deployment activities between SOCEUR and the ARG/MEU(SOC)**

- **SOCPAC, PACFLT and MARFORPAC developing similar MOA**

Transitioning of SOF Missions

- **USMC assumed the Georgia Train and Equip mission from SOCEUR**

- **USSOCOM / USMC working to identify future transition of missions from SOF to USMC**

Training

Training

- School exchange (JFK Special Warfare Center, USMC Scout Sniper Course)

- Reciprocal fixed and rotary wing air support for assault support, static-line and free-fall parachute operations

- Expanded Joint Marine-Army SOF exercises

- Sharing of Training Areas (MCAGCC, Alaska, NTC)

- Special Operations Terminal Air Control Course

Personnel

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- **Marine Corps personnel assigned to SOF**
  - **BGen Hejlik USMC - USSOCOM Chief of Staff**
  - **Col Hummer USMC - JSOC Chief of Staff**
  - **105 Marines in SO billets around the world**
- **Currently II MEF has a resident LNO from SF Command assigned to USMC Special Operations Training Group**
  - **USSOCOM reviewing p ty oviding SF LNO to each MEF headquar**
- **USSOCOM/USMC have provided perma instructors to each others Universities**

Acquisitions

Acquisitions and Developmental Information

- Instituted a broad reaching, inclusive program to share acquisitions and developmental information regarding:

- Weapons sy
- Munitions
- Armaments
- Communications

- Includes previously restricted special operations weapons and technology development programs

Force Contribution

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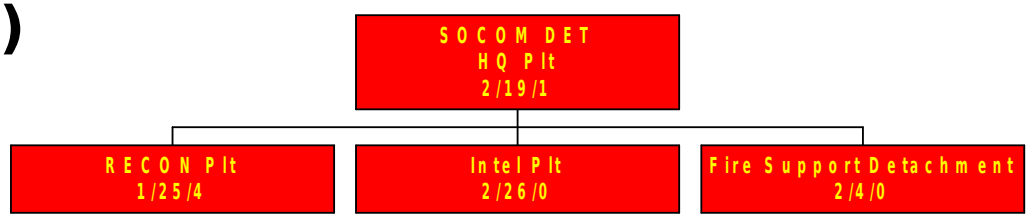
Marine Corps SOCOM Det

- **Integrated Unit (7/74/5)**
  - **Reconnaissance**
  - **Intelligence**
  - **Fire Support**



- **OPCON to SOCOM exercised through NSW**

- **<u>Mission</u>: USMC detachment augments a deploying NSW Squadron's capability to conduct special reconnaissance, direct action, coalition support, limited foreign internal defense and other missions as required, in support of Joint and Fleet Commanders in order to test the Initial USMC force contribution to USSOCOM.**

- **<u>Employment</u>:**
  - **HQ section/ battle staff**
  - **Detachment teams task-organized to conduct assigned missions**
  - **OPCON to NSWG-1 in Oct 03 / Deploys Apr 04**

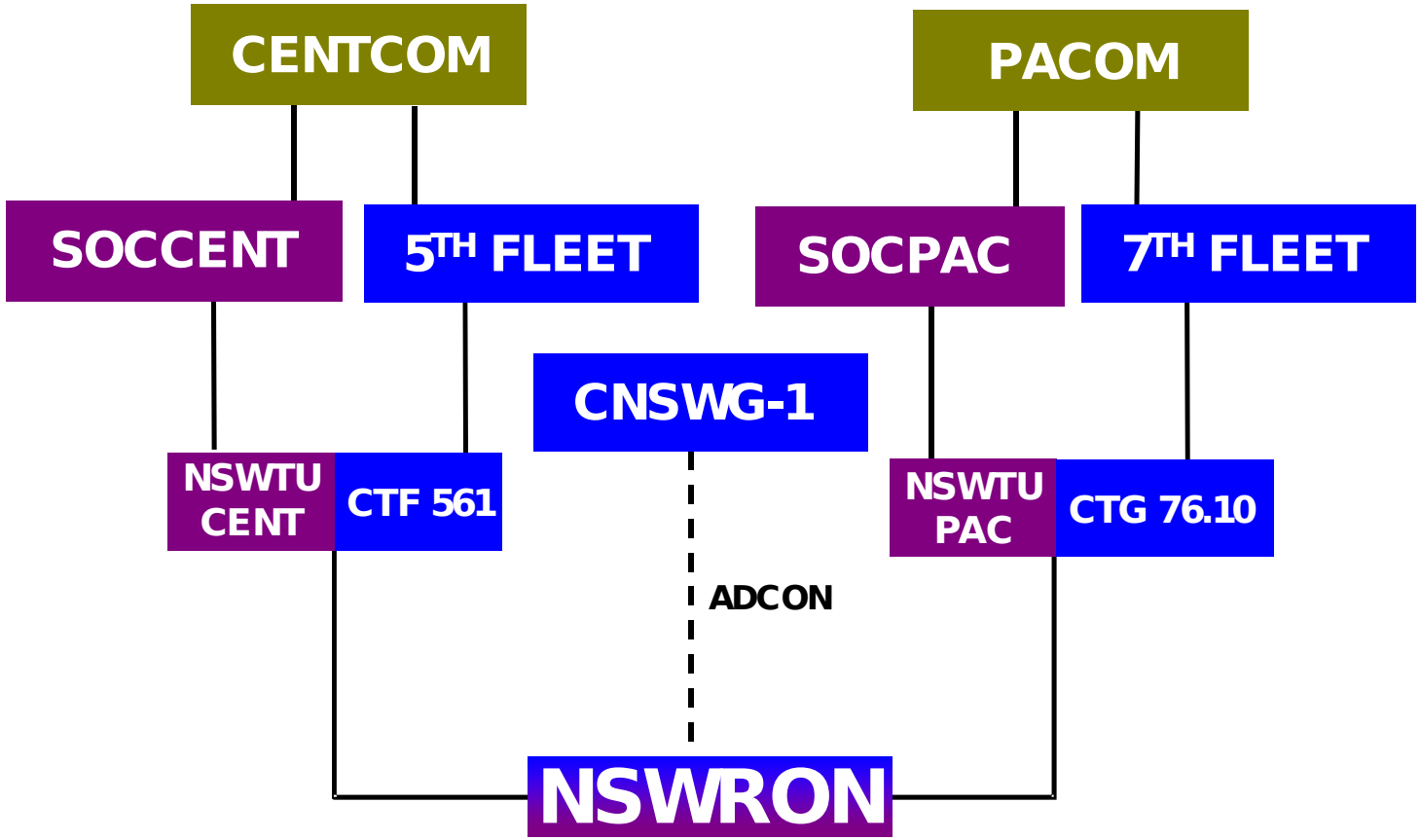
NSWRON ONE Milestones

- 25 Aug 03 FPC
- 06 Oct 03 MCSOCOM Det ONE chops to NSW
- Oct 03 – Jan 04 Mission Specific Integration
- Dec 03 USMC JRTC
- 05-16 Jan Squadron Certification CENTCOM
- 18 Jan - 08 Feb Mission Specific Integration
- 02-13 Feb Squadron Certification PACOM
- Mar 04 Load out
- APR 04 Deploy

NSWRON ONE Command Relationships

- At D-180 SEAL Team ONE becomes NSWRON ONE
- At D-180 Naval Special Warfare Squadron ONE assumes OPCON of all operating elements: MCSOCOM Det ONE, SEAL Team TWO Platoon(s), SDV Team ONE Platoons, Special Boat Team Dets, Navy EOD Det, Mobile Communications Det, TCS, and CSST
- NSWRON ONE is OPCON to NSWG-1 from D-180 until deploying in APR 04
- Upon deployment, NSWRON ONE CENT becomes OPCON to NSWU-3 (Bahrain) and NSWRON ONE PAC becomes OPCON to NSWU-1 (Guam)

NSWRON ONE Theater Command Relationships



NSW/USMC SOCOM Det

Why This Will Work

- **MCSOCOM Det ONE augments NSW Mission capabilities with operators and Battle Staff**
- **Maximizes exposure, experience, and agility for MCSOCOM Det ONE across multiple theaters, operational commanders and mission areas**
- **Organic NSW assets/infrastructure in theater**
- **Superbly postured to execute TSOC and Fleet missions**
- **Irrefutable demonstration of Joint Warfighting at its best**

Questions?

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BACK-UPS

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Studies / Wargaming

USMC Co-Sponsorship of Special Ops Joint Integration & Interoperability Test & Experimentation

- **The problem statement:**

  "THE JOINT FORCE COMMANDER'S INTEGRATION AND INTEROPERABILITY OF SOF AND OTHER FORCES IN TODAYS BATTLESPACE IS LIMITED BY EXISTING JTTPS, SYSTEMS AND OTHER DOTMLPF ELEMENTS."

  - **USMC first sponsored/co-sponsored JT&E**
  - **$25 Million in funding**
  - **JT&E will collaboratively develop TTP & Systems that will solidify & accelerate USMC/SOF Interoperability**
  - **Address USMC/SOCOM equities regarding interoperability and integration using established exercises and units. (ARG/MEU(SOC), ESG, MC SOCOM Detachment One)**

USMC Title 10 Wargame Expeditionary Warrior 04

- **EW 04 specifically designed to target future concepts regarding USMC-SOCOM integration and interoperability**

- **War game will provide opportunity to explore multiple areas where synergies between USMC and SOCOM are possible**